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SPINNING MILL PRODUCES POOR QUALITY YARN -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko

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The worker-correspondent brigade at the "Balkan" Spinning Mill made an inspection, from 24 to 26 September 1951, of the production quality of the enterprise.

The members of the brigade determined that through the effort of the entire working personnel the work of the enterprise was greatly improved during the current year. The production plan for the past 8 months was fulfilled by 100.7 percent. The pledges given to the Party and to Comrade Vulko Chervenkov were over-fulfilled in a number of indexes. The number of spindles serviced by a single worker increased from 540 to 570. The output of cotton increased by 2.78 percent, whereas the workers had pledged to increase it by only 0.5 percent. These achievements are largely due to the application, in 15 production brigades, of recommendations, made by the Soviet woman-stakhanovite, Aleksandra Shtirova, regarding machine repair, 5-minute discussions of the work done during the working day, etc.

The worker-correspondent brigade discovered that, despite these achievements and without any excuses, the enterprise is lagging behind at the moment in the fulfillment of one of the fundamental objectives -- improving the quality of production. The underestimation of this important problem is evident from the fact that the given pledge does not mention the improvement of production quality. A report of the Mill Party bureau reveals that during an

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8-month period 5,300 kilograms of defective yarn were produced, which could have been woven into 26,500 meters of cotton cloth.

One of the primary causes for the low-grade yarn of the "Balkan" Mill is the inadequate cleanliness of the machines. The humidifying and dust-removing installations in the preparatory shop are exceedingly poor. Because the machines are cleaned irregularly, much cotton dust settles on them, which is one of the principal reasons for the uneven yarn. The worker Racho Neychev admits that he cleans his shredding machines "from time to time," when he should clean them every two hours at least. On the floor, under the rollers, a large amount of cotton fuzz has piled up. This gets on the cotton band and leads to further lessening of the quality. The assistant-foreman, Stoyan Kulov, sees all this, but does not deem it necessary to bring it to the machine-operator's attention. The foreman, Zlati Kolev, also considers that repairing the machines is his only job in the shop. He seems to forget that it is his duty constantly to instill socialist production habits in the workers and constantly to supervise the care of the machines.

The reasons given for the quality of production are unsatisfactory. In that respect the quality-controller, Comrade Mara Savova, gives proof of inexcusable negligence. For days at a time she does not visit the brigades to check on the quality of production being turned out.

On 1 Aug 51, individual responsibility for flyer-machine operators was introduced. In September, after a number of flyer-

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machine operators were fined because they had permitted defective articles to be turned out, the volume of defective articles was reduced three times. This method solves the problem by administrative measures. The mill trade union committee does not summon women flyer-machine operators who turn out defective articles to explain the harm caused by defective production and to advise them to improve their work.

In September, individual responsibility for sorting defective production in the ring shop was introduced. It is incorrect for the women who sort defective goods to receive salaries commensurate with the salary of the brigade to which they are attached, because while using this payment method there have already been cases of unconscientious quality selection.

This enterprise does not seem to have any kind of inspiring or concrete agitation calling the workers and the foremen to fight for high-grade production. This problem is underestimated by the Party secretary, Comrade Deshka Mincheva, and by the chairman of the mill trade union committee, Comrade Neno Dechev. Not a single poster or show-case for low- and high-grade production can be found at the enterprise, and there are not even wall newspapers for remarks about the quality of production.

The worker-correspondent brigade considers that the serious defects in connection with the quality of production at the "Balkan" Mill are, to a large extent, due to the inadequate activity of the Mill Party bureau and especially of its secretary, Comrade D. Mincheva, who relegates the problem of quality to second place. The

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bureau does not exercise constant supervision over the administrative and technical management, or over the fulfillment of their own resolutions. The question of the production quality seldom appears on the agenda of the meetings of the Mill Party bureau. It can be seen from the minutes that general measures are prescribed but that concrete decisions are non-existent. It was not until 14 August, that the Mill Party bureau accepted a plan for improving the quality of production, but on 24 September, it had not yet checked on its fulfillment, even though some of the tasks, such as the one about how Communist Party Members should work in the mill, were planned to be executed each 10 days.

The chairman of the mill trade union committee, Comrade Neno Dechev, has not assumed his proper duties as a leader -- he has separated himself from the work and the workers. He does not even know what quality of goods is being produced by the different brigades (not to mention various superior production workers), which should enable him to direct the efforts of the mill trade union committee towards improving less proficient brigades. For months at a time he does not attend the different brigade meetings, as in the case with the "Yordanka Chankova" brigade. He is not acquainted with the quality control organization at the mill because he is not interested in it. It is his fault that production quality is not an index for computing the results of competitions. The extent of Comrade Dechev's neglect of the mill trade union committee's work can be seen in the abandonment of the initiative undertaken by two production brigades for winning the title "brigade for high-quality production." How could it possibly survive when the

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chairman of the mill trade union committee does not even know the initiators of the idea?

The worker-correspondent brigade considers it necessary for the Party, trade union and youth organizations of the mill to increase the assistance given to the mill's administration in order to mobilize the mill's entire personnel for a struggle to improve the quality of production. The excellent achievements in other indexes show that the enterprise has the possibilities and can cope with this task.

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